

**New Races of Rose-Finch, Suthora and Nuthatch
collected by Messrs. Ludlow and Sherriff in South-
east Tibet.**

Mr. N. B. KINNEAR sent the following for exhibition :—

1. *Carpodacus thura charmensis*, subsp. nov.

Description.—Male similar to *C. t. thura* Bonaparte, from Nepal, but differs in the paler edges of the feathers of the head and mantle and the rather darker rose-pink below. The female also has the edges of the feathers on the upper side paler, but the most striking difference is the entire absence of the chestnut-brown on the throat and breast. The postocular streak is creamy-white without a brown tinge.

Distribution.—*C. t. thura* is found in Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, and S.E. Tibet. North of the main range it is replaced by the new race which was collected in the Provinces of Charme, Tsari, and the Tsangpo Valley.

Types.—Male, May 9, 1936, Kyimpu Le La, between Chayul and Charme, 13,000 ft. No. 3831. Brit. Mus. Reg. no. 1937.1.17.836; female, May 8, 1936, Le La, 15,000 ft., S.E. Tibet. No. 3826. Brit. Mus. Reg. no. 1937.1.17.837.

Measurements.—8 males, wing 83–88 (11 males typical, 80–85 mm.); 7 females, wing 81–85 mm. (7 females typical, 80–84 mm.).

Remarks.—There appears to be no difference between the males of *C. t. charmensis* and *C. t. feminina*. The females, however, are not as brown above and are whiter below.

2. *Suthora fulvifrons chayulensis*, subsp. nov.

Description.—Differs from *S. f. fulvifrons* Hodgson in the paler colour of the upper side, especially on the rump. On the underside the fulvous does not usually extend below the breast and is paler in colour, while the abdomen and thighs are greyer.

Type.—Male, April 29, 1936, Lung, Chayul Valley, S.E. Tibet, 11,000 ft.; collected by F. Ludlow and G. Sherriff. Brit. Mus. Reg. no. 1937.1.17.838.

A juvenile obtained from a nest at Lo La, Pachakshira, is much darker especially on the underside, and lacks the rich fulvous tint of a similar aged skin from Native Sikkim,

Remarks.—The *Suthora* is now divided into three races :—

Suthora f. fulvifrons Hodgson : Nepal, Sikkim, and Bhutan.

S. f. chayulensis : Southern Tibet.

S. f. cyanophrys David & Oust. : Shensi, Szechuan, and N.W. Yunnan.

This last differs from the Tibetan birds in the brighter coloured head, and blacker and more pronounced eye-stripes.

3. *Sitta europæa konyboensis*, subsp. nov.

Description.—Similar in colour to *Sitta europæa nebulosa* La Touche, but larger.

Type.—Male, April 15, 1938. Molo, 11,000 ft., S.E. Tibet. No. 4462. Brit. Mus. Reg. no. 1938.12.13.272.

Measurements.—

S. e. konyboensis :

10 males, wing 83–86 ; bill from skull 19–20 mm. 3 females, wing 82–85 ; bill from skull 19–21·5 mm.

S. e. nebulosa :

Males, wing 76–79 ; bill from skull 17–18 mm. Females, wing 80–84 ; bill from skull 17–18 mm.

A Hoopoe in winter in England.

Mr. N. B. KINNEAR also sent for exhibition :—

A Hoopoe taken at Swanmore, Southampton, on January 17, 1940, by Major M. Portal.

A new Race of Francolin and a new Race of Lark from the Sudan.

Mr. J. D. MACDONALD exhibited the following new races :—

Francolinus clappertoni cavei, subsp. nov.

Description.—Closely resembling *F. c. gedgei* O.-Grant, but differing from it by the darker, rather sooty-brown colour of the upper parts.

Distribution.—Plains south-west of Boma Hills, S.E. Sudan.

Type.—Adult male from Katchikan, 25 miles south-west